

the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Marianne C. Jackson of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of New Jersey to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Atlantic County for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of New Jersey are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1173-DR]

South Dakota; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of South Dakota, (FEMA-1173-DR), dated April 7, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 20, 1997 the President amended the cost sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 51521 *et seq.*), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of South Dakota, resulting from severe flooding, severe winter storms, heavy spring rain, rapid snowmelt,

high winds, and ice jams beginning on February 3, 1997, and continuing through May 24, 1997, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant special cost sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act").

Therefore, I amend my previous declaration to authorize Federal funds for Public Assistance, Categories C through G, at 90 percent of total eligible costs, except for direct Federal assistance costs and debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) under the Public Assistance program which were previously authorized at 100 percent Federal funding.

This adjustment to State and local cost sharing applies only to Public Assistance costs (Categories C through G) eligible for such adjustment under the law. The law specifically prohibits a similar adjustment for funds provided to the State for the Individual and Family Grant program and Hazard Mitigation Assistance. These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Termination of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of termination of Commissions.

SUMMARY: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the Comptroller General, after the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission has been established, to provide for the termination of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission. This notice announces the termination of the two commissions.

DATES: Termination of Commissions effective November 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The General Accounting Office is at 441 G St. NW., Washington, DC, 20548. The Office of the Chairman of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission is at 2120 L St. NW., Washington, DC, 20037-1527.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General Accounting Office: Walter S. Ochinko, 202-512-7157. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission: Lauren LeRoy, 202-653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1805 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 4022 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33, 111 Stat. 251, 350), requires the Comptroller General, in consultation with the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (PPRC) and the Physician Payment Review Commission (ProPAC), to provide for their termination as quickly as possible after a majority of members of the new Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) are appointed. All of the members of MedPAC were appointed effective October 1, 1997. As determined in consultation with them, both PPRC and ProPAC will terminate as of November 1, 1997. MedPAC will then assume outstanding obligations of PPRC and ProPAC.

James F. Hinchman,

Acting Comptroller General of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Emergency TANF Data Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0164.

Description: This information is being collected to meet the statutory requirements of section 411 of the Social Security Act and section 116 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. It consists of desegregated demographic and program information that will be used to determine participation rates and other statutorily required indicators for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Govt.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
TANF Data Report	54	4	451	97,416

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 97,416

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: 45 CFR part 303.72—Request for collection of past-due support by Federal tax refund offset and administrative offset.

OMB No.: 0970-0161.

Description: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) operates the Tax refund offset TROP. The TROP was enacted by Congress on August 13, 1981 (Pub. L. 97-35, section 2331). This is a computerized system operated by the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and State child support agencies. The TROP was established to recover delinquent AFDC child support debts with ongoing cooperation of states and local child support agencies.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) signed by the President in November 1990, expanded the Program to include a provision for non-AFDC cases.

In 1996 the Debt Collection Improvement Act (Pub. L. 104-134) further expanded the program to increase the collection of nontax debts owned to the Federal Government and to assist families in collecting past-due child support. It required the development and implementation of procedures necessary to collect past-due support by administrative offset by agencies. As a result, this program is now known as the Tax Refund and

Administrative Offset Program TROP/ADOP).

Purpose: Pursuant to Public Law 97-35 enacted by Congress on August 13, 1981, Pub. L. 101-508 signed by the President in November 1990 and Pub. L. 104-134 enacted into law on April 26, 1996, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, and pursuant to the Executive Order 13019 dated September 28, 1996, the OSCE will match the tax refund records against Federal payment certification records and Federal financial assistance records. The purpose is to facilitate the collection of delinquent child support obligations from persons who may be entitled or eligible to receive certain Federal payments or Federal assistance. State child support agencies submit cases of delinquent child support claims to the OSCE for submission to the Financial Management Service (FMS). These cases are sent by on-line dial-up access via personal computer, tape and cartridge via mail, Mitron tape, file transfer, or electronic data transmission. The Office of Child Support Enforcement serves as a conduit between state child support enforcement agencies and the FMS by processing weekly updates of collection data and distributing the information back to the appropriate State child support agency. The information will be disclosed by OCSE to state child support agencies for use in the collection of child support debts, through locate action wage withholding or other enforcement actions.

Respondents: State District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands Governments

Respondents: State and local governments.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Sub/test tape and Data Spec	1,744	52	5 minutes	7,557.3 hours.
Sub/test tape and Data Spec	54	52	5 minutes	234 hours.
Withdrawal notice	1,744	5	2 minutes	291 hours.
Pre-offset notice	54	87,075	2 minutes	15,673.5 hours.
Case Cert	54	52	3 minutes	140.4 hours.
Payment Infor	26	1	10 minutes	4.3 hours.
Local office contact phone address	1,744	1	30 minutes	872 hours.
Request for update	54	52	5 minutes	234 hours.